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COTTON PROSPECTS LOWEST ON RECORD

REDUCTION OF MILLION BALES
SHOWN IN THE DECLINE IN
CONDITIONS FOR AUGUST.

NOW 7,037,000 BALES CROP

Production Was Forecast a Month Ago
at 8,203,000 Bales, Based on the
Condition of Crop on July 25.

Washington.—Decline in the condition of the cotton crop during August caused a reduction of 1,166,000 bales in the estimated final production as compared with the amount forecast a month ago.

Production this year was forecast at 7,037,000 bales of 500 pounds gross by the department of agriculture, which based its estimate on the condition of August 25, which was 49.3 per cent of normal, forecasting a yield of 127.0 pounds per acre.

The production was forecast a month ago at 8,203,000 bales, based on the July 25 condition of the crop, which was 64.7 per cent of a normal. Last year's crop was 13,439,603 bales and the August 25th condition was 67.5 per cent of a normal. The average condition of the crop on August 25 for the ten years, 1911-20, is 67.7 per cent.

Strong Advance in Cotton.

New York. — Cotton advanced to new high levels for the season on publication of the government crop report here. December sold at 17.55 and January at 17.40 representing about \$8.50 a bale advance. Heavy realizing finally checked the advance and the market eased off a trifle.

Armed Force Always Needed.

Washington. — President Harding, speaking at the fall term of the opening of the Army War College, declared that "no matter where the best aspirations of the world lead us, there never may be a time without the necessity of armed forces."

Ford's Is Rich Company.

Lansing, Mich. — The Ford Motor company has in the neighborhood of \$54,000,000 in cash in the bank, according to a report tendered the department of state here. The report has not been officially accepted, because of minor errors.

Further Irish Conference.

Dublin. — It was authoritatively stated here that the reply is an acceptance of the invitation of Mr. Lloyd George for a further conference in London. No plenipotentiaries have yet been nominated, however.

Expect Martial Law.

Charleston, W. Va. — When state officials reached their offices and glanced at reports from Logan county, they expressed the opinion that martial law in Logan and other nearby counties was inevitable.

Water Consigned to Greece.

Philadelphia.—United States treasury department agents came here to investigate charges that water had been substituted for whiskey in 100 barrels consigned to the government of Greece.

To Rewrite House Tax Bill.

Washington.—Decision was reached by the senate finance committee to rewrite the house tax bill so as to include in one document every internal revenue law on the statute books.

New Alaskan Gold Fields.

Anchorage, Alaska.—Receding tides in the Gulf of Alaska, on Turnagain arm, have revealed a five-foot vein of gold quartz assaying about \$100 to the ton, according to reports.

U. S. Buys Submarine Motors.

Geneva.—It is announced that the engineering firm of Sulzer at Winterthur, has received an order from the American government for \$5,000,000 worth of Diesel motors for submarines.

Los Angeles Limited Held Up.

Salt Lake City.—The Los Angeles Limited of the Union Pacific railroad was held up by two masked and armed robbers near Clearfield, nine miles south of Ogden. All the male passengers were robbed.

Another Period of Terror.

Belfast.—Although the truce between the discordant factions is being completely observed throughout the remainder of Ireland, Belfast again experienced another period of terror from gunmen and snipers.

200 EXHIBITORS BUSILY ENGAGED

THE MADE-IN-CAROLINAS SHOW
RAPIDLY ASSUMING FINE
PHYSICAL FORM.

SCENE OF INTENSE ACTIVITY

From Every Section of the Two Carolinas Come Reports of a Steady Increase in Public Interest.

Charlotte, N. C.—The Made-in-Carolinas Exposition is rapidly assuming the physical form it will have on opening day, September 12. More than 200 exhibitors now are busily engaged in placing their exhibits, which will show for the first time under one roof more than 3,000 different articles of merchandise made by North Carolina and South Carolina plants.

The interior of the great building, now beautifully decorated in black, yellow and white, is a scene of intense and varied activity. Scores of workmen employed by the exhibitors are engaged in uncrating exhibit material, ranging from saw mills to tiny jewels of great value. Many other workmen, members of Building Manager Bryant's staff, are mingling with the others in the discharge of their duties of co-operation and assistance.

While these scenes are re-enacted daily at the building, the up-town offices of the exposition are crowded with exhibitors and business men who come to discuss the multitude of matters pertaining to so great an undertaking. From every section of the two Carolinas come daily reports of a steady increase in public interest, and it is now estimated that the attendance will approach the 100,000 total.

Reorganize Air Service.

Washington.—Reorganization of the army air service at reduced strength was announced by the war department. Twenty-one detachments, including heavier-than-air units, supply and school organizations, were ordered demobilized.

Hickson Made Moderator.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Rev. F. C. Hickson, of Gaffney, S. C., who was convicted in the federal court in 1918 of violation of the espionage act and sentenced to six months imprisonment, was elected moderator of the Broad River Baptist association.

Unemployment Assembly Sept. 15.

Washington.—Assembly of President Harding's unemployment conference in Washington by September 15—or by the 20th at the latest—is planned by the administration, Secretary Hoover said.

Sealed Indictment Returned.

New York.—The federal grand jury has returned a sealed indictment against 62 alleged violators of the Sherman anti-trust law in the building trades. Col. William Hayward, United States attorney, announced.

Pan-American Postal Rates.

Buenos Aires.—Argentina's proposition granting various countries freedom of action regarding postal rates between American nations has been approved by the commission of the Pan-American postal congress.

Greeks Condemn Spy to Death.

Smyrna, Asia Minor. — An Italian merchant named Alberto Pinzo, has been condemned to death by a Greek court martial for acting as a spy for the Turks.

Hardings Will Attend.

Washington. — President and Mrs. Harding will attend memorial services for the late King Peter, of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, to be held here at St. Alban's Church.

General Wood Accepts Post.

Manilla. — Major General Leonard Wood announced his acceptance of the post of Governor General of the Philippines, tendered to him by President Harding.

Nine Ships Offered for Sale.

Washington.—The nine ships temporarily allocated to the United States Mail Steamship company were offered for sale or charter in one lot as "a going concern," it was said at the shipping board.

Eight Communist Leaders Killed.

Riga. — Eight Russian communist leaders at Petrograd have been assassinated within the last two months, in connection with the "white terrorist" plot, it was revealed by Leon Trotsky in a speech.

Lower Cost of Road Building.

Cost of road building has declined 36 per cent during the past year, declared Highway Commissioner Frank Page upon his return from Western North Carolina where, during the early part of the week he let contracts for roads aggregating a cost of \$634,519 that a year ago would have cost nearly a million and a quarter of dollars.

One hundred and fifteen bidders were at the Eighth District letting in Marion, four construction projects being involved, and at Elkin, in the Seventh District there were 43 bidders on three smaller projects. The bids submitted were very near together, and contractors were there from Hoboken, N. J., to Jackson, Miss.

Reduced costs of materials and labor, and the slowing up of building in other lines is mainly responsible for the reduced cost at which North Carolina is securing roads being let at the present time, Mr. Page believes. A year ago it was with difficulty that the commissioner was able to secure responsible bidders for road work, but now the only difficulty is tabulating the bids that are submitted, and selecting the lowest responsible man offering to do the work.

Renewed Fight on Diphtheria.

A new point of attack in the State Board of Health's fight against diphtheria has been successfully taken by the Bureau of Epidemiology, of which Dr. J. S. Mitchener is head. The Bureau has put on a campaign in 19 counties for toxin-antitoxin treatments of children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. Dr. Mitchener believes that these preventive treatments, which began about the middle of June, will render large numbers of children immune from diphtheria during the fall months.

More Mills Seek Rebates.

Five cotton mills in Cabarrus not related to the Cannon group are asking the state board of equalization to lower the county assessments against their property, and the board has fixed September 6 as the date for the hearing.

The mills have submitted no figures, it was stated at the office of Revenue Commissioner Watts, but they are kicking against the local assessments just as the Cannon mills have been protesting the restoration of old "revaluation" figures against their mills.

Will Award Road Contracts.

J. G. Stikeleather, highway commissioner for the ninth district, announced that contracts would be awarded on September 20 for about 49 miles of road construction in this district. The estimated cost of all projects will be about \$600,000, it was stated. Four projects will be let, under advice from Frank Page, highway commissioner. Advertisements or bids will be started on August 30, and it is expected that a number of bids will be received.

Annual Thanksgiving Meeting.

The annual Thanksgiving meeting of the Teachers' Assembly will be held in Raleigh, and plans are already under way towards the preparation of an interesting program. The assembly met in Raleigh two years ago, but went to Asheville last Thanksgiving in order to give the teachers of the western section of the state a better opportunity to attend the meeting. This year it moves back to the eastern half.

One interesting feature of the meeting in November will be an exhibit of school building plans.

Construction Firms Buy Mixers.

Twenty thousand dollars worth of road building machinery was bought last week by North Carolina construction firms to be used in the building of concrete roads in the state.

The W. Fred Casey company closed the contract for three paving mixers to be shipped into North Carolina. One will go to The Eagle Engineering company at New Bern and two to Charlotte concerns, Dwyer Brothers company and W. A. Ebert.

Webb Ready to Step Down.

Through an agreement between Brownlow Jackson and Charles A. Webb, the latter Thursday will turn over the office of the United States marshal for the western district of North Carolina to the new appointee or, as soon as the commission from Washington arrives.

Crop Reporter's Association.

A new co-operative organization has come into existence in North Carolina. It is the N. C. Crop Reporters' association. In this respect the state is following closely the most progressive ones of the United States. According to one of the speakers of the day, Mr. F. H. Jeter, representative of the Soil Improvement Committee of the Southern Fertilizer association, the North Carolina Crop Reporting service is generally recognized with Alabama as leading the South in crop estimates work.

Leg Show a Mark of Freedom.

"Short skirts are a mark of freedom, not a vulgarity," said Miss Helen Louise Johnson, of New York, speaking on the subject of "Clothes and the Woman" before the delegates to the Farm Women's convention now in session at the State college. The burden of Miss Johnson's talk was a plea for standardization and more simplicity in feminine attire in keeping woman's present position in the working world. Not the least interesting thing about Miss Johnson's speech was that she made it in a "standardized" dress.

Presbyterians Buy Property.

The Heidelberg Academy and adjoining property, near Flat Rock, in the mountains of Western North Carolina, have been purchased by representatives of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church for use as a southern assembly ground.

The Heidelberg Academy was founded about a century ago by a German capitalist.

Because of the development of the property it is believed that the academy estate will be ideal for the holding of church conferences there.

Asheville.—With Governor Morrison, Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, and Governor Robert A. Cooper, of South Carolina, Asheville was honored by the presence of three leading state executives of the South.

Asheville.—Rev. J. H. Dew, Baptist evangelist, who has lived at the Southern Baptist Assembly grounds at Ridge Crest the last five years, committed suicide by severing his throat with a knife. His health is assigned as the cause of commission of the crime.

Wife Stands by Husband.

Washington. — Mrs. Walter Krout, whose husband of two weeks is under arrest, charged with forgery, declared that she would stand by him in his fight for freedom.

Will Settle Jap-U. S. Matters.

Tokio. — The Japanese foreign office has received advice, according to Tokio newspapers, indicating that the points at issue between Japan and the United States over the control of the island of Yap would soon be settled.

Postmaster Examinations.

First Lieutenant Frederick Ewing, of Fayetteville, has been re-appointed to his place in the infantry of the regular army.

Examinations are to be held for postmasters at Rich Square and Selma. Postoffice inspectors will investigate with a view to naming postmasters at Bina, Bolling Springs and Smithport.

Maxwell's "Deadly Parallel."

Taking Corporation Commissioner Maxwell's "deadly parallel" for his text, former Tax Clerk J. S. Griffin appeared in the tax fight with the suggestion that Mr. Maxwell's "tax" has been forced and the demand that the commissioner "come clean."

The whole thing, asserts Mr. Griffin has developed into a personal attack on Col. Aus Watts.

Graduates from Training Camp.

Camp Jackson, S. C.—One thousand and fifty young men from the states of North and South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee were graduated from the fourth corps area citizens' military training camp, 143 of whom were representatives from the state of North Carolina.

Prosecute "Dry Law Violators."

Enforcement of the prohibition laws and the prosecution of "dry" law violators will be the chief task of the district attorney's office, according to Frank A. Linney, who was recently confirmed for that position by the United States senate.

Brownlow Jackson Nominated.

Washington. (Special).—Brownlow Jackson, of Hendersonville, was nominated for United States marshal to succeed Charles A. Webb. His nomination was referred to the senate judiciary committee and will be reported out immediately if Senator Overman does not hold it up.

Mr. Overman is in Salisbury and his attitude is not known. No objection to Mr. Jackson has been filed at the White House or the senate. All factions of the republican party are united on him.

Simmons on Highway Systems.

Washington. (Special).—Senator Simmons made a vigorous defense of the system of public roads construction, as now in operation and co-operation in by the federal government and the state. He spoke in support of an amendment substantially extending the present system without any changes that might impair the admirable plan that has been so successful. He opposed the provision in the bill creating a commission. He said he was opposed personally to the multiplication of commissions.

ODD FELLOWS PLAN SOME DEGREE WORK

NUMBER OF DEMONSTRATIONS
SCHEDULED DURING EARLY
WINTER MONTHS.

TENTATIVE LIST IS MADE UP

Subordinate Lodges Will Elect Their
Candidates for Degrees and Confer Them at Their Home Lodges.

Raleigh.

L. W. Moore, grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows called the grand secretary to Wilmington for a conference relative to the plans and schedule for the various degree demonstrations which will be held in some of the principal cities of the state during the fall and winter months. After the conference the following tentative schedule was announced:

Wilmington, October 11-12; Asheville, October 25-26; Winston-Salem, November 8-9; Elizabeth City, November 17-18; Goldsboro, November 22-23; Greensboro, December 6-7; Charlotte, December 15-16; Raleigh, December 23-24. Other demonstrations will probably be held in other cities and towns after January 1.

The plans for these degree demonstrations is that the subordinate lodges will elect their candidates for the degrees and confer the initiatory degree in their home lodges. Then these candidates will be taken to the nearest city where these degree demonstrations are to be held, and the other degrees will be exemplified by special degree teams.

The first of these degree demonstrations will be held in Wilmington, the grand master's home town, October 11-12.

Power Petition Refused.

In a formal order, the corporation commission overrules every exception to its original increase ordered in the Southern Power case, filed both by the petitioner and the respondents and leaves the original order in full force and effect.

The dismissal of exceptions is very short, merely stating that the exceptions are without merits, and were expected. Only 35 of the original 55 mills opposing the increase in power joined in the general exceptions.

Poor Condition of Cotton.

Washington. (Special).—The condition of the cotton crop continues poor in most of the states, according to the national weather and crop bulletin. "Shedding was reported in Oklahoma, Alabama and central North Carolina," the bulletin says, "and weevil activity was retarded by dry weather in Florida and Texas, but much damage continuing, except in northern portions of the belt."

Better Marketing Methods.

Better methods for the marketing of farm crops is the outstanding matter of interest to the farming and business public today, not only in North Carolina but all over the country. When farm crops bring good prices business is good and when farm crops bring poor prices business is demoralized, as at present. In the main, our leading money crops are sold as they were fifty or more years ago.

Freight Reduction Effective.

A reduction of approximately 20 per cent in freight rates will be put into effect immediately on shipments of dried fruit, canned goods, etc., from the Pacific coast to points in North Carolina, according to a telegram received by M. R. Beaman, secretary of the North Carolina Traffic association from J. H. Fishback, Washington attorney for the association.

Examination of Postmasters.

Washington. (Special).—Examinations for postmaster were announced as follows: September 20, Wilmington, salary \$3,500; September 27, Dunn and Red Springs, salaries \$2,600, and \$2,300 respectively. A vacancy is announced at Salem Chapel.

Address by Dr. Brooks.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction, fired the opening gun in a warfare on inefficient and haphazard administration of county affairs in some of the counties of the state in an address before a joint session of the State Farmers and Farm Women's Conventions at Pullen Hall. The address of Dr. Brooks was the feature of the opening day of the convention that got away easily after brief introductory preliminaries. The college is accommodating 600 delegates with lodging and meals.

CONDENSED NEWS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE

SHORT NOTES OF INTEREST TO
CAROLINIANS.

Elkin.—A. B. Snow, of this place, was killed in an automobile accident about four miles from here, on State road.

Charlotte.—Approximately 11,400 striking employees of the Johnston string of cotton mills in Charlotte and Rock Hill, have returned to work.

Fairmont.—Fire of undetermined origin partially destroyed the Brice building here and burned a number of buggies and wagons belonging to the Eastern Livestock company.

Salisbury.—A general hospital for Rowan is assured by the action of the committee which held an option on the Whitehead-Stokes sanatorium.

Gastonia.—An ordinance providing for a bond issue of \$500,000 for street, water and light extension was passed at a called meeting of the city council.

Wilmington.—Twelve workmen were slightly injured at a local shipyard when a hull being made ready for launching left the ways prematurely.

Salisbury.—James Gates, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gates, is in a local hospital suffering from a bad gun shot wound he received while at play with a neighbor's boy.

Rutherfordton.—Rural Policeman J. L. Griffin captured a 60-gallon capacity copper still near Caesar. About 650 gallons of beer were also captured and four gallons of whiskey.

Smithfield.—Smithfield sold \$200,000 worth of school bonds here. The deal was made through the Prudden & company of Toledo, Ohio. Work is to start immediately on the new school building.

Rocky Mount.—Fire believed to have been started by a flying spark from an acetylene welding outfit, which workmen here using in making repairs in the wheel room, did interior damage at the Rocky Mount mills which mill officials estimate at \$10,000.

Greensboro.—Dr. John W. Taylor, local optometrist, well known in North Carolina, was sentenced to serve for a period of 12 months on the Guilford county roads by Judge D. H. Collins in city court here, following his conviction on two charges of immoral conduct.

Asheville.—Doyle Massey, charged with the murder of Harrison Roberts three years ago, was found guilty of second degree murder by a Madison county jury.

High Point.—Mrs. Annie Laurie Michael, wife of L. P. Michael, died suddenly, while taking a bath at her home here. Physicians said apoplexy was the cause of her death.

Lenoir.—With a prospect for one of the most successful years in its history, Davenport College will open for the fall term September 14. All students are expected to arrive at the college Tuesday, September 13.

Washington. (Special).—Major John A. Parker, formerly prominent in the North Carolina national guard, now with the regular army has been made judge advocate on the staff of the commanding general of the "District of Washington."

Chapel Hill.—A huge black monster, its hide covered with dust and its jaws making a frightful noise, has appeared on the edge of this village and is creeping steadily up the main street. And all Chapel Hill is going out for to see and admire. It is the road-building machine.

Fayetteville.—Intelligence has been received here of the death of Dr. Richard A. Powell, formerly of this city, at Johane Bahru, India, where he was in charge of an English hospital. Dr. Powell practiced medicine here for several years.

Lumberton.—A Ku Klux organizer has been in Lumberton for the past week. About fifty citizens received printed invitations to a meeting at the court house one night recently. The invitations were signed "The Committee."

Goldsboro.—Relatives to Goldsboro, where she resided for several years, have been advised of the death of Mrs. Annie T. Burwell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Giersch, in Salem, Va. Mrs. Burwell recently celebrated her 93rd birthday.